

Volunteer Student Intern for the Indian Health Service (IHS) National Health Promotion/Disease Preve



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Project Summary	The Indian Health Service (IHS), an operating division of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS), is seeking applicants for the Public Health Student Volunteer Program (PHSVP), within the National Health Promotion/Disease Prevention Program.
Country	United States
Country/Region of Focus	United States

Project Description

The individualized program plan can include a rotation of agency activities to provide for a full and comprehensive experience and educational enhancement for the participant. The following list provides an idea of the scope and breadth of the student volunteer's work at IHS.

- Plan, coordinate, and participate in meetings of public health experts, practitioners, and constituents;
- Conduct informational interviews with key IHS stakeholders.
- Develop evaluation tools such as focus group interviews, in-depth interviews, and survey instruments.
- Research and assist in translating the National HP/DP program strategy and the into IHS, tribal, and urban Indian health policy development and action items;
- Apply database management skills;
- Assist in planning, implementation and evaluation of capacity building assistance activities including conference calls, webinars, or one-on-one trainings;
- Review legislative policy analysis and advocacy, possibly participate in congressional briefings, and assist IHS staff in submitting summaries to help policy makers understand the gaps in accessing health literacy, health communication, and tobacco-related prevention/intervention;
- Assist in planning, implementation and evaluation of IHS activities for national observance for tobacco, cancer, health literacy, and physical activity during the calendar year.
- Interact with IHS Public Affairs staff and assist in writing press releases, marketing and promotion of organizational programs; and
- Maintain IHS HP/DP webpage and the IHS Healthy Weight for Life webpage sites in increasing internet presence.

Skills:

- Demonstrated interest in and knowledge of health promotion, public health, chronic disease, social justice of American Indian and Alaska Native affairs, and community capacity building;

- Excellent written and oral communication skills and the ability to communicate effectively with various audiences;
- Computer skills (i.e. Microsoft Office, Internet applications) are essential, and experience designing and editing web content is particularly helpful;
- Experience creating and designing persuasive and educational materials;
- Professional, well-organized, self-motivated, and reliable;
- Able to work effectively independently and as part of a small team;
- Creativity and sense of innovation; and
- Fun, flexible, and sense of humor.

Required Skills or Interests

Skill(s)

Educational design

Infographic design

Writing

Additional Information

The IHS virtual internship provides an opportunity for professional growth and development as a public health practitioner and will prepare the student for the important work in his/her professional discipline, work setting, or community. The student will have frequent contact with IHS public health experts in a wide-range of disciplines.

The student will have an opportunity to participate in training and development activities at IHS that may include:

- Orientation to IHS and government office work;
- Attendance at seminars/webinars available to all IHS staff;
- Exposure to IHS program analysis and evaluation methodologies; and
- Shadowing IHS staff across a wide range of public health disciplines

Language Requirements

None